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President's Message....

It's hard to believe 2022 is coming to an end. The holidays are upon us, the temperatures are cooler, we're wearing sweaters and long pants. What a great year we have had with terrific runs, new activities and many new members, 195 currently.

Our first car show was a success with over 100 cars. We made over \$5000 for the Boys and Girls club and secured a date for our show for next year at the Southwest Church. The recent Palm Springs Air Museum car show and chili cook off was well attended. We had 16 cars from PSCC and the Monterey club brought 11 cars.



One of our runs was to the central coast staying in Cambria and Simi Valley visiting wineries and museums, along with some great dining. Earlier in the year a run to Monterey and Solvang with about 16 Corvettes. The most recent day run to Joshua Tree park with the Monterey Corvette Club, we had 32 cars stopping for lunch at Pappy & Harriet's. It was great meeting the Monterey club and hopefully we can do more with them next year.

As a reminder our November is next Tuesday. We will be taking nominations for board positions. Right now the open board position is for President, if you want to nominate someone or just run for one of the board positions you will need to come to the meeting to get your name on the ballot.

Our annual Christmas Party is December 3rd at Heritage Palms Country Club. If you have any questions contact Joyce Sosebee or and board member.

Look forward to seeing you all Tuesday.



Palm Springs Corvette Club Executive....

President... Floyd Marcoe

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Corvette Facts...Did You Know....

In 1982, console mounter clocks were quartz units and had the word "QUARTZ" printed on the face, while the 80-81 years did not.

In 1982 fuel injection reappeared in the Corvette after a 17-year hiatus.

For the first time since 1954, in 1982 you could not order a Corvette with a manual transmission.

While never offered to the public, a total of 43 - 1983 model Corvettes were built, but due to so many quality problems GM halted production until they could be corrected. By the time the problems were <u>corrected.it</u> was so late in that model year that the car was brought out as 1984. The only known 1983 Corvette to exist is on display at the National Corvette Museum.

Palm Springs Corvette Club Charities We Support ...





Palm Springs Corvette Club Sponsor....





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Jessup Auto Plaza would like to offer all current members the following discounts on Parts and Service.

Over the Counter Parts will receive a 15% discount up to \$250.00

Mechanical Repairs will receive a 15% discount on Parts and Labor up to 500.00, excluding maintenance and tires.

All maintenance services will receive a 10% discount.

Tires are sold with our 30-day price match guarantee. We guarantee the lowest price on any General Motors program tires. Tires are not eligible for discounts due to our price match guarantee.

We appreciate your loyal patronage and look forward to many more years of our our partnership.

> RON AUSTIN SERVICE MANAGER

PSCC's Boys & Girls Car Show for Kids...



The "First" PSCC Car Show for Kids was a Great Success..thnaks to all Members that attended and volunteered. We sold tickets 6 for \$5.00 for every \$200.00 sold we raffled off \$100.00 and the other \$100.00! went to the B&G club. We had seven of our Diva's working with the children from the B&G club. We were able to give the club \$1400.00. Really was a great joint effort between our club and the Boys & Girls Club. These funds do not account for the registration group.

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PSCC's Boys & Girls Car Show for Kids...

PSCC's main Sponsor attended with two beautiful vehicles, a C8 and there new the Silverado. Much appreciated their support.

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PSCC & Palm Springs Air Museum Shine & Show...



























32 Corvettes attend the PSCC/Monterey Club Pappy & Harriet's Run...much appreciated!!!!!

PSCC Members & Friends Annual Christmas Party

October 27, 2022

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Dear Palm Springs Corvette Club Members and Friends, It is that time of the year again to be preparing for our Club's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our event will be held on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, at Heritage Palms Country Club, 44-291 Heritage Palms Drive, South. The event will start with no-host cocktails from 6 to 7 p.m. PLEASE NOTE: The location CANNOT accept CASH, Please bring either a credit or debit card to pay for your beverages of choice. Cocktails will be followed by dinner, and dancing. There will be door prizes, and this event is a great chance to mingle with new and old friends in the holiday spirit. PRICE for the evening is **\$65 PER PERSON**. There are three entrees to choose from.

PLEASE MARK YOUR PREFERENCE ON THE FORM BELOW.

I need to have your completed form by Nov. 26. Please fill out this portion and enclose a check for \$65 per person. Checks must be made payable to Palm Springs Corvette Club — <u>NO abbreviations, PLEASE!</u> Mail to Joyce Sosebee, 79530 Cetrino, La Quinta, CA 92253

ENTRÉE CHOICE

Cornish Game Hen, Roasted & Deboned With Cranberry Demi Sauce, Savage Rice

7 oz. Filet with Bearnaise Sauce with large Prawn on top, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, and Vegetable Du Jour

Vegetable Plate upon Request

NAME OF ATTENDEES

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VOTE ~ There will be ballots on hand for you to vote for the 2023 officers of your club. This is your opportunity to participate in the election procedure and ensure your candidate will be chosen.

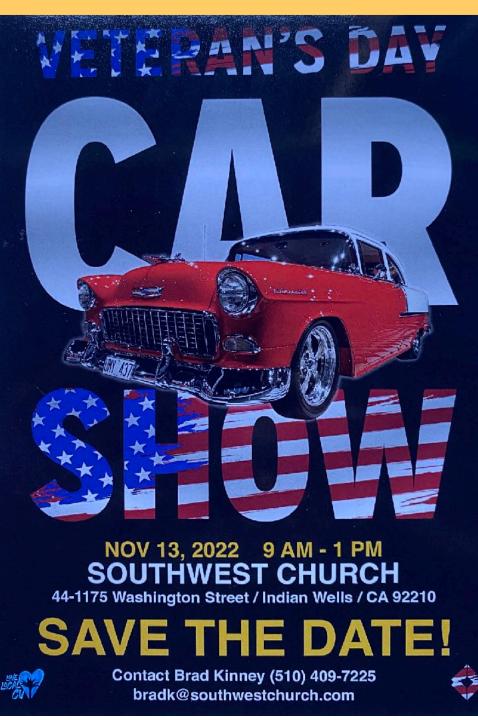
CHARITY - As a club we have chosen Cathedral City Boys and Girls Club as one of our charities, IF you would like to help them with their Christmas Party, we ask that you go to Target and purchase a gift certificate for \$25. We will gather the certificates and make sure they get to the CEO, Scott Robinson.

PSCC Members Support Needed for Car Show....



PSCC Members,

I know, I know, a n o t h e r c a r show!!!! This is one we all agreed w e M U S T support because of how well the church and staff took care of us. It is also the car show that we will take over next year.



Pastor Brad from

the church called me today asking me the number of cars we will be bringing. I told him 30 cars. They are going to put us where we were for our show on the lawn. I am waiting for the details (should be 9:00am to 2:pm), but I need to get a list of PSCC Participants ASAP!!! Please respond to me ASAP! Thanks Stan

Corvette Market Share Drops Q3 2022...

Chevy Corvette sales during the third quarter of 2022 enabled the mid-engine sports car to maintain its decisive lead, in spite of posting a 22 percent decrease in sales to 7,939 units. In fact, the Corvette sold about 3,400 more units more than all rivals combined.

In the past we've noted that many of the segment contenders cost significantly more than Chevy's mid-



engine sports car and, as a result, these higher-priced rivals typically see lower sales volumes. However, the price difference is shrinking, especially when we consider <u>that pricing</u> for the <u>new track-focused 2023 Chevy Corvette</u> <u>Z06</u> starts at over \$100K.

Buyers here and across the globe are clamoring for the C8 Corvette, but GM just can't build enough of the mid-engine performance sports car, nor can it do so fast enough. The automaker already commands its segment in the U.S., and could do that even more here and elsewhere with enough inventory. And that's with just the Stingray and Z06 introduced so far among a roster of more exciting variants of Chevy's mid-engine success story to come.

Sales Numbers - Premium Sports Cars - Q3 2022 - USA

MODEL	Q3 22 / Q3 21	Q3 22	Q3 21	Q3 22 SHARE	Q3 21 SHARE	YTD 22 / YTD 21	YTD 22	YTD 21
CHEVROLET CORVETTE	-21.91%	7,939	10,166	63%	72%	+2.55%	25,380	24,748
PORSCHE 911	+37.94%	2,236	1,621	18%	11%	+10.14%	7,411	6,729
MERCEDES-BENZ SL-CLASS	+5,760.17%	821	14	7%	0%	+79.69%	823	458
PORSCHE 718	-9.43%	682	753	5%	5%	-23.35%	2,426	3,165
MERCEDES-BENZ AMG GT	+7.53%	514	478	4%	3%	-13.79%	2,420	2,807
LEXUS LC	-79.92%	160	797	1%	6%	-58.14%	993	2,372
ACURA NSX	+51.72%	88	58	1%	0%	+78.81%	211	118
AUDI R8	-65.72%	48	140	0%	1%	-58.47%	206	496
FORD GT	-57.50%	17	40	0%	0%	-27.18%	75	103
NISSAN GT-R	-97.04%	2	68	0%	0%	-66.47%	56	167
TOTAL	-11.52%	12,507	14,135			-2.82%	40,001	41,163

DeLorean Next Generation...

The daughter of John DeLorean is planning to introduce a new sports car inspired by her father's next year that will be built in Detroit, Michigan. Kat DeLorean, <u>daughter of</u> <u>famed automotive executive</u> John DeLorean, has



announced the launch of a new car company called DeLorean Next Generation Motors (DNG Motors), that is aiming to bring a modern take on her father's eponymous sports car to market.

The company says that the sleek gullwing two-seater will be built in Detroit, with the first production version set to be revealed late next year. DNG has released images of its car, the Model-JZD, which was named as a tribute to John Z. DeLorean and penned by Spanish designer Angel Guerra with inspiration from the classic DMC-12. It will follow what it said was John DeLorean's goal of developing "safer, more reliable, more efficient affordable automobiles."

The first iteration of the DeLorean Motor Company built approximately 9,000 cars at its Belfast, Northern Ireland, factory from 1981 until 1982, when it declared bankruptcy following the arrest of John DeLorean on drug trafficking charges,

for which he was later acquitted.





Some of the star cars crossing the block November 18th, 19th & 20th in Palm Springs, California

Corvette Racing Announces 2023 Drivers...

Racing has officially announced its IMSA and FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) driver rosters for the 2023 seasons.

The Corvette C8.R race cars will compete for the 25th consecutive

season in the IMSA GT Daytona (GTD) Pro class, formerly known as the Daytona Prototype international (DPi) class, while also taking on the FIA WEC GTE Am class. Five drivers have been tapped for competition across both series, bringing a host of endurance racing experience and triumphs to The Bow Tie's racing efforts.

The IMSA lineup will include Antonio Garcia, a five-time IMSA champion with two victories in the 24 Hours of Daytona, two 24 Hours of Le Mans wins and five victories at Sebring. Four-time IMSA champion Jordan Taylor will take the wheel once again, and two-time IMSA champion Tommy Milner will take control of the <u>Chevrolet</u> Corvette race car, having conquered Le Mans and the Six Hours of Monza.

For the FIA WEC, Nick Catsburg, who has victories at Nürburgring, Spa and Indianapolis Motor Speedway, will take control of the Corvette racer alongside Ben Keating, who has notable wins at Le Mans, Daytona, Sebring among other IMSA and WEC races.

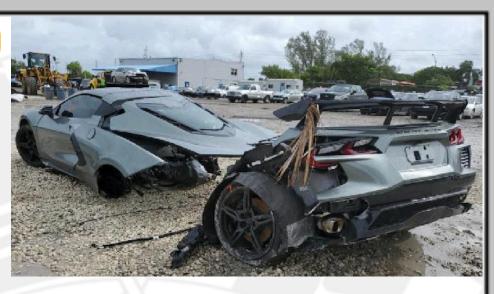
"We learned a great deal this year [2022] about running dual programs in both IMSA and the FIA WEC – all of which will benefit the Corvette brand going forward," said Laura Wontrop Klauser, GM Sports Car Racing Program Manager. "In IMSA, we will return to GTD PRO against a very competitive group of manufacturers while laying the groundwork for the Corvette Z06 GT3.R. Similarly, Corvette Racing's FIA WEC program allows us the opportunity to continue growing the global presence of Corvette in a world championship."

The IMSA season will begin at Daytona International Speedway on January 28th through 30th, 2023, while the FIA WEC season kicks off at the 1,000 Miles of Sebring on March 17th, 2023.

C8 Wrecked...

What, exactly, happened to this 2023 Corvette remains a mystery, but the aftermath is devastating.

The 2023 Corvette hasn't been in production very long



at this point, but we're starting to see examples of the sports car show up on dealer lots and in owner's driveways. Unfortunately, this also means that we're going to begin seeing the latest model year of the C8 generation also show up in salvage yards, whether that be the driver's fault and inability to manage their new sports car or others that can't help but run into them. However, this 2023 Corvette that just popped up on *Copart* has suffered what one can safely call fatal damage, the kind that won't exactly buff out – no matter what the for sale ad might say.

In fact, this 2023 Corvette has quite literally been split in half, leaving it in two giant chunks. It's unclear how, exactly, this happened, but it also isn't exactly the first time we've seen a Corvette laying around in multiple pieces, nor the first mid-engine sports car of any kind that has suffered the same fate. Typically, this happens when the driver strikes an object while traveling sideways, such as a utility pole or tree, which are more than happy to separate the car from its engine at high speeds.

It could make a nice parts car or a donor for some restomod project, if nothing else. This particular 2023 Corvette is equipped with 1LT trim and the Z51 Performance Package, as well as the High Wing Spoiler, so there are some desirable options present. And of course, the LT2 just dangling around is also a coveted piece for those seeking a modern powerplant. Bidding hasn't begun just yet, but we won't be surprised to see at least a few folks interested in the heap, even if there's essentially no chance this brand new C8 can be saved – at least not for a reasonable amount of money.

1st Production '23 Z06 Rolls Off the Line...

This minty fresh 2023 <u>Corvette</u> Z06 still looks quite appealing. This first unit is draped in Carbon Flash Metallic paint and is equipped with the Z07 Performance Package and the 70th Anniversary Special Edition Package (<u>RPO code</u> Y70), the latter of which includes:

 Optional Satin Black stripes for the Carbon Flash Metallic paint (or White Pearl metallic Tri-coat paint with optional Satin Gray Stripes)



- Two-tone Ceramic leather GT2 or Competition Sport seats
- Red contrast stitching and seatbelts
- Sueded microfiber seat inserts
- Suede steering wheel
- New badging
- Edge Red brake calipers
- Edge Red engine cover
- Unique rear bumper protector / trunk cover
- Custom luggage set
- Logos for the headrests, steering wheel, and sill plates
- Unique build plaque

As reported in January, <u>Chevy</u> dealer and NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick placed the winning <u>\$3.6 million bid</u> for the first-ever production 2023 Corvette Z06 when it went up for auction at a Barrett-Jackson event earlier in the year. Proceeds were donated to benefit non-profit organization Operation Homefront. Notably, Hendrick also secured the <u>first-ever</u> <u>production 2023 Chevy Corvette Z06 convertible</u>, as reported in April.

Per exclusive *GM Authority* coverage published earlier today, GM is now accepting new 2023 Corvette Z06 dealer orders. Previously, GM said it would no longer accept new Corvette Z06 orders for the remainder of the 2023 model year as a result of heavy production constraints. Now, however, it now appears as though the automaker has backtracked on that stance.

As a reminder, the 2023 Corvette Z06 features the naturally aspirated <u>5.5L V8</u> <u>LT6</u> engine. Under the skin is the GM Y2 platform.

Fastest Women on Earth...

If you've read MotorTrend for any extended period of time then chances are you are at least somewhat familiar with <u>Jessi Combs</u>. Combs was a jack of many trades. She was a television host for several major programs including



Mythbusters, Overhaulin', All Girls Garage, and several others. She was also an experienced fabricator—a skill that she used many times in the pursuit of scientific discovery on Mythbusters. However, Combs is probably best known as a racer. She regularly competed in various offroad racing events like King of the Hammers and the Baja 1000.

While she had success with off-road racing, Combs made history in her successful (but tragic) quest for a land-speed record. She had already set records as the "Fastest Woman on Four Wheels" after reaching a speed of 440 mph. Her goal was to break the fastest land-speed record by a female driver. Tragically, <u>Combs lost her life on August 17, 2019</u> when she crashed during an attempt to break the previous female land-speed record of 512.7 mph set in 1976 by stuntwoman Kitty O'Neil. Combs managed to reach the incredible speed of 548.4 mph just before her accident. Before that Combs reached 515.3 mph. Both runs broke the record she was seeking. Guinness posthumously awarded Combs

the record for fastest woman; a record that still stands.

The Fastest Woman On Earth is a new documentary that follows Combs' journey to breaking the record that meant so much to her. Beyond that it also takes a look at the woman behind the record, her accomplishments, and how she was seen by the people closest to her and those who supported her quest. The documentary is set to release on October 20, 2022 on HBO Max (a subsidiary of MotorTrend's parent company) and provides a look at the previously unseen hardships Combs faced. "If you're chasing adventures, you're gonna have to sacrifice having a relationship," said Combs in the first trailer.

Speed Limiters on "Every Vehicle!!!

During driver's ed class, many of us drove lesson cars with speed governors. Newbies needed them so they wouldn't endanger themselves or their trainer by accidentally hitting the gas instead of the brakes.

But no one ever imagined speed governors (now called limiters) would become standard equipment on a car, especially when driving requires situational awareness and the ability to speed, brake, avoid, honk, etc.

Built into the vehicle, the device limits how fast you can drive by using telematics. If you exceed the limit, some sound alert will commence, or the speed governor will stop your acceleration. Stored data on the street's speed limits will cross-reference with a vehicle's GPS position to make you stop or at least not accelerate.

Intelligent Speed Assistance or ISA is the name of the auto technology that might soon make driving a living hell. For years, the federal government has wanted to put them on commercial vehicles, but now they want them on all vehicles. If this happens, drivers will no longer have the flexibility to make safer choices in the situation because they can no longer exceed the speed limit under any circumstances.

If you need to make a long pass of several slower vehicles, forget about it.

If you need to accelerate past a truck to merge onto a highway, forget about it.

If you need to flee to safety (from a road rager or even a tornado), forget about it.

Deputy Mayor of New York City for Operations Meera Joshi announced recently that the city would be the first in the US to use speed limiter technology to keep city vehicles from exceeding speed limits.

Landline reported that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will unveil its speed limiter system for commercial vehicles by June 30, 2023. In May 2022, the FMCSA issued an advance notice on speed governance. Under its initial proposal, trucks with a gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more and equipped with an electronic engine control unit capable of speed governance would be subject to the mandate

The National Transportation Safety Board released a report to the federal government <u>earlier this month requesting a way to incentivize auto and truck</u> <u>makers</u> to implement speed limiters in all new vehicles. If this comes to pass, customers pay for the privilege of having an ISA on their new car, whether they want it or not.

Can you imagine every vehicle on the highway with a speed limiter?

Bugatti W16 Mistral \$5 Million Supercar...Sold Out!

Bugatti is ready to ride like the wind. It will be Bugatti's last 16-cylinder car!

The French hypercar builder has unveiled the last car it will ever build with the brand's legendary 8.0-liter quadturbocharged 16-cylinder engine before it launches its first electrified model.



The W16 Mistral is a roadster named after a wind that blows through southern France and is based on the Chiron Super Sport, which is capable of reaching a top speed above 300 mph.

The engine is rated at 1,600 horsepower, and the car has an expected top speed of over 260 mph with the top off.

Bugatti plans to attempt to break a 254.04 mph <u>record for open-top cars</u> previously set by its predecessor, the Veyron Super Sport Vitesse.

Technically, the W16 Mistral is always open as there is no formal hardtop for it, but Bugatti said it will come with an emergency cover. The Vitesse had one that was supported by a collapsible umbrella-like structure.

Much more than a chop-top, the Mistral's body differs from the Chiron's, and <u>its structure has been reengineered</u> to accommodate the large opening that has been created. Air intakes for the engine are behind the passengers' heads to enhance the aural effect of the 70,000 liters of air

that enter them every minute at full throttle.

The price for the car has been set at \$5.1 million, but don't go breaking open your piggy bank. Bugatti said it will build only 99 of them, and the entire run has already been sold out.



Cars You "Won't" see on the Road...



Car from 1950-1960 that were never seen of the roads. These two are the 1951 Buick XP-300 and the 1955 Ford Mystere.

Corvette Facts...

The 1984 Corvette had the steepest windshield rake angle of any previous American production automobile at 64 degrees.

A single transverse plastic front and rear spring first made it's appearance on the 1984 Corvette.

L98 engine made its debut in 1985 offering a horsepower increase from 205 to 230 plus a gain in fuel economy due in part to new Bosch fuel injection with tuned runners.

With the CB craze dwindling, the last year a CB radio was offered as a Corvette option was 1985. Only 16 Corvettes were so equipped!

Hagerty's - Our Two Cents: The best Corvette generation!

Clearly I have my biases, but every Corvette generation made an overwhelmingly positive contribution to the history of the automobile. Each new Corvette motivated the competition and was good for Chevrolet, the fans, and even the haters. Or especially for the haters?



We only had one staffer with the mettle (fiberglass?) to stick up for the C5, even though this clean-sheet redesign is *beyond underrated* in today's market. The two generations mentioned above simply wouldn't exist had it not been for the engineering and managerial fortitude present in the folks who made the fifth-generation Corvette. I drove the first C5 Chevrolet let out of the building from Coney Island to the Santa Monica pier for a story, and fell in love. Easy to drive (my 80-year-old mother-in-law has one) but very quick. The styling still turns my head. – Steven Cole Smith, Special Projects Editor.

I've been lucky enough to have a C4GS, then daily a C5Z, C6Z, and C7Z. The C5Z was the most fun but build quality was questionable. The C6Z truly is the sweet spot and if I could have one Corvette to daily drive it would be the C6 Z06 Carbon. That 427 was shockingly quick-revving. Sublime. It handled well enough but had great communication and balance which made up for the lacking steering feel. – Eugene Leeds, Community Coordinator. C6Z just hits different in 2022. That's my pick. – Mike Perlman, Podcast Manager. I'm a C6 man myself. I think they've always been a great

value new or used, looked way more modern/less plasticfantastic (even if untrue) than the C5 and the Z06 of this generation just does it for me. Also they looked great in racing. – Matt Tuccillo, Director of Video and Podcast.



Hagerty's - Our Two Cents: The best Corvette generation!

C7 Z51. No question. It was the first Corvette that felt wired to the road and the driver. Previous cars were numb. As a driver you had to tell yourself that the C5 was predictable. The C7 s u b c o n s c i o u s l y communicated that. -Larry Webster, Editor-in-Chief

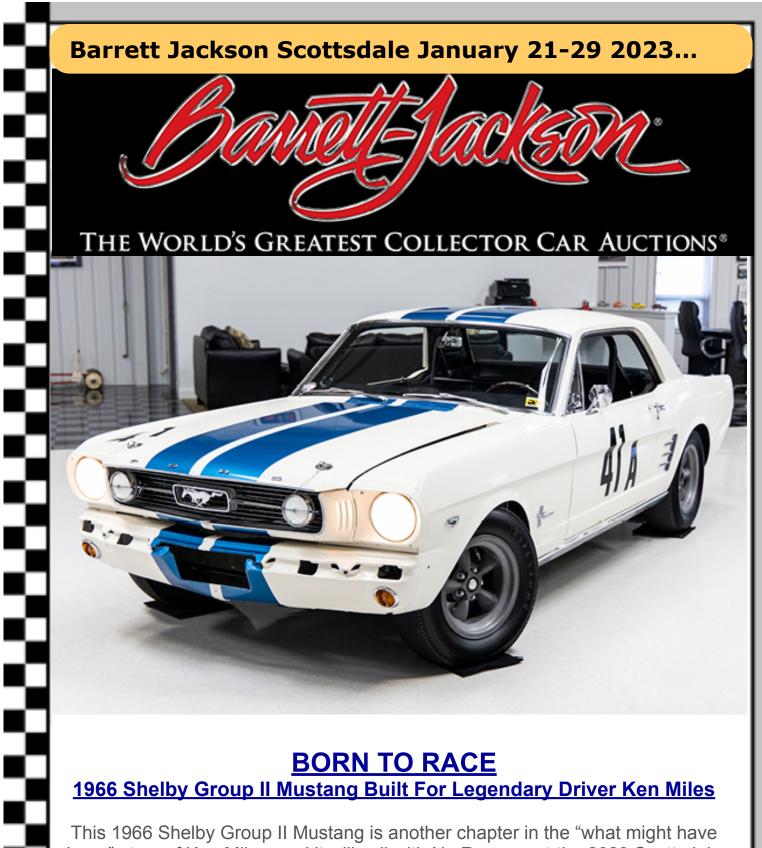


The C7, finally delivered on the

decades-long promise of an American sports car that not only stood head-and-shoulders with much more expensive European competition in terms of performance, but which also was as desirable, aesthetically and intellectually, as those competitors. – Joe DeMatio, Senior Manager of Content

The C7 is the winner truly did reach the absolute limits of the frontengine, rear-drive form factor that Corvettes had boasted since the beginning of the nameplate. When the thing you've created ends up being so good that you have to completely re-write the rulebook around said thing, I think it's a worthy case for leader of the pack.- Nathan Petroelje, Associate Editor.





BORN TO RACE 1966 Shelby Group II Mustang Built For Legendary Driver Ken Miles

This 1966 Shelby Group II Mustang is another chapter in the "what might have been" story of Ken Miles, and it will sell with No Reserve at the 2023 Scottsdale Auction. According to the Shelby American Automobile Club (SAAC), Shelby American World Registry and Carroll Shelby himself, this Mustang was built for Ken Miles to race. While we can ponder what Miles might have done with the car. we don't have to imagine the racing history of the Mustang itse

Down the Road....

Nov 11 PSCC Veteran Days Parade -details to follow

Dec 3 PSCC Christmas Dinner & Dance

Jan 10 PSCC Club Meeting Jan 19 PSCC Dinner Nite Out Jan 20 Corvette Racing Daytona Jan 27 Diva & Stud Lunches Jan 28 Corvette Racing Daytona Feb 5 NASCAR Busch Light Clash Feb 16 NASCAR Daytona Duel Feb 19 NASCAR Daytona 500



Check the National Corvette Museum emails/ website for activities and offerings near you!



Collecting for Ronald McDonald House...

Reminder that we ask PSCC Members to collect toiletries from motels, soaps, shampoos and can pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda. This is a great cause and saves you throwing them in the recycle or garbage. Just put them in a bag and bring them to each meeting for Vicki and Mike Nichols. The kids will thank you so much, and Ronald will too!

